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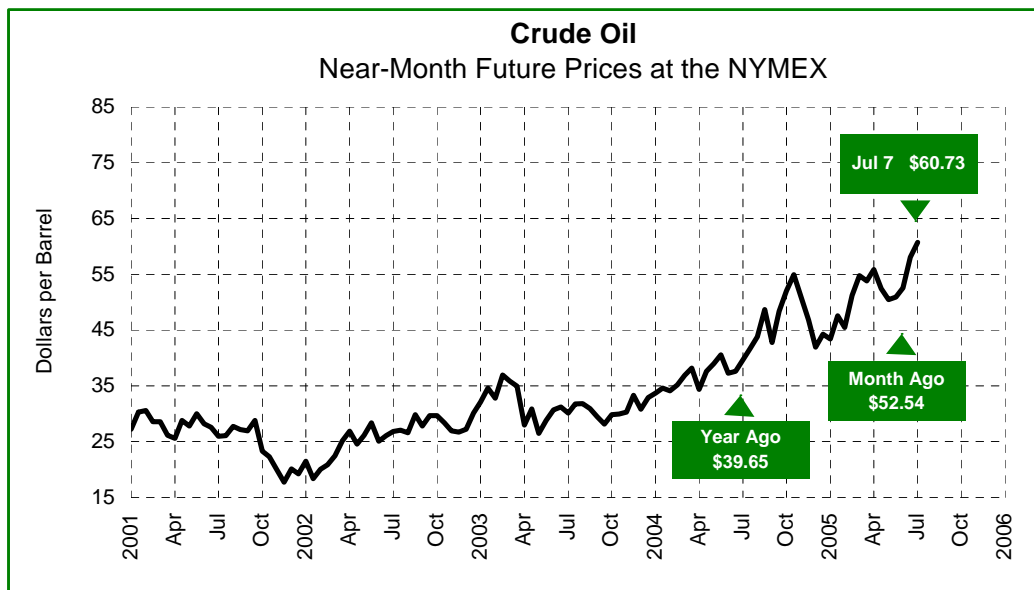
Crude Oil

On July 7, NYMEX crude oil futures settled at \$60.73, an increase of \$8.19 per barrel compared to last month and \$22.35 or 53% higher compared to this time last year.

Crude Oil - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per barrel)

	<u>07-07-05</u>	<u>06-08-05</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>07-06-04</u>	<u>change</u>
NYMEX	\$60.73	\$52.54	up 16%	\$39.65	up 53%

- Crude oil futures for August delivery on the NYMEX settled at \$60.73 per barrel on July 7, in late volatile trading amid worries that Hurricane Dennis could inflict considerable supply disruptions as it passed through the Gulf of Mexico. Futures prices fell then recovered as much as \$4.00 in late Wednesday's overnight trading as deadly explosions in London stoked fears of an economic slowdown.
- Domestic crude oil stocks fell 3.6 million barrels to 324.9 million barrels last week. Stocks fell due to a large drop in imports (by 752,000 barrels to 10.22 million barrels per day), and after a surprising increase in refinery runs (by 1.8 percentage points to 98.1% of capacity), the highest rate since January 1999.



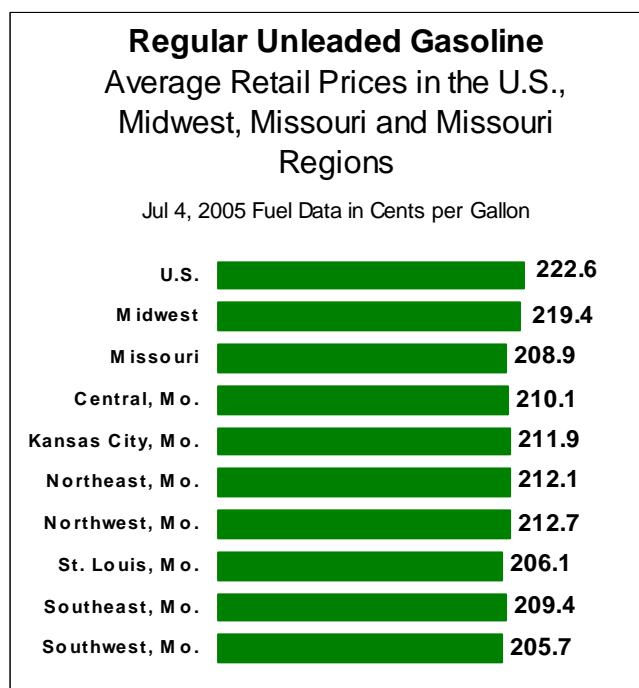
Transportation Fuels

On July 4, Missouri's average retail price for regular unleaded gasoline was nearly \$2.09 per gallon, representing a 23 percent increase from last year at this time; and average diesel prices were near \$2.27 per gallon, an increase of 39 percent from last year.

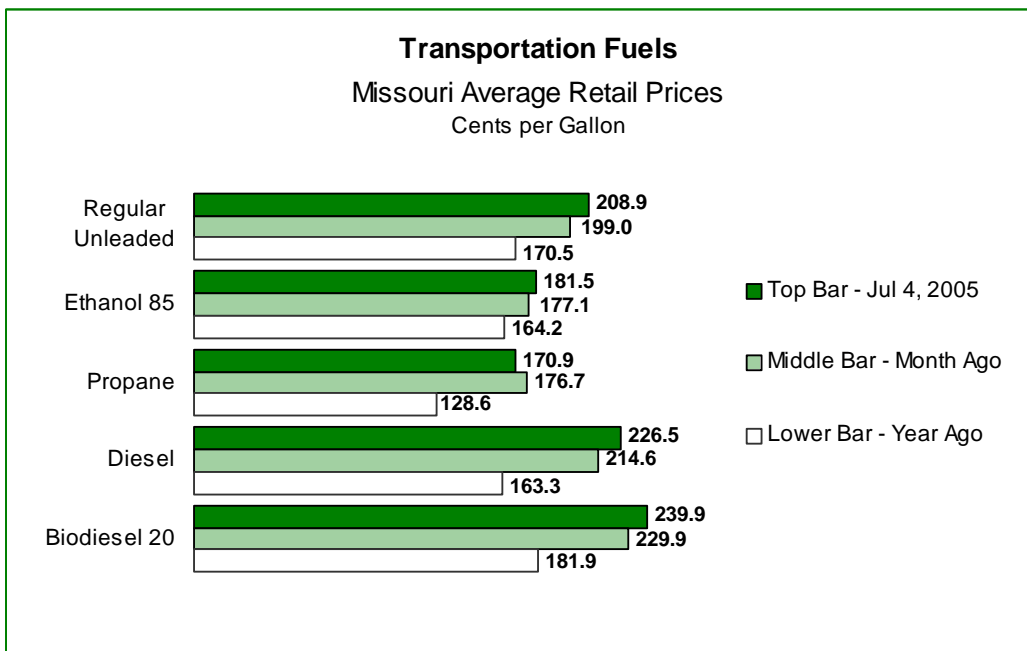
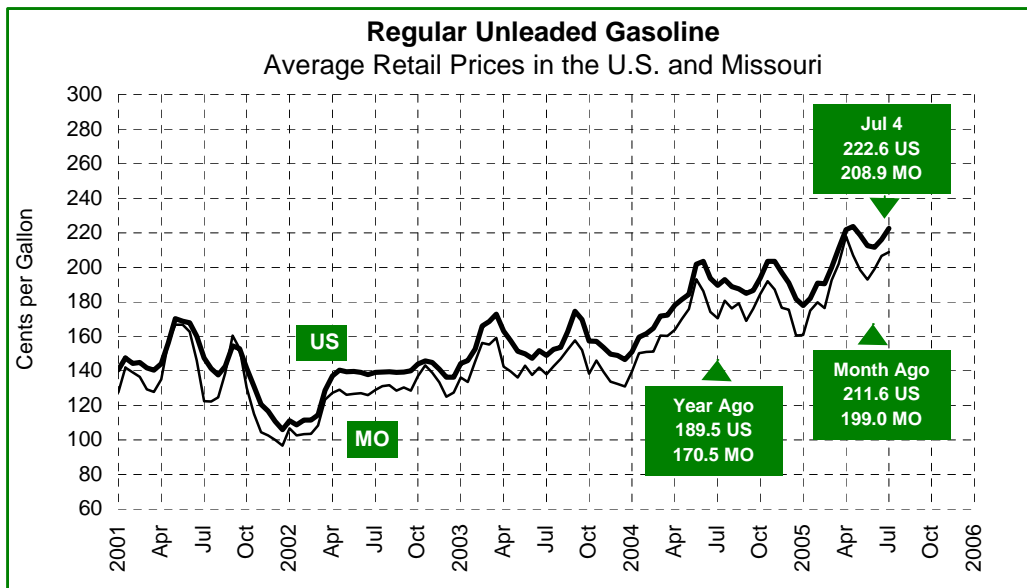
<i>Regular Unleaded Gasoline - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)</i>					
	<u>07-04-05</u>	<u>06-06-05</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>07-05-04</u>	<u>change</u>
US	222.6	211.6	up 5%	189.5	up 17%
Missouri	208.9	199.0	up 5%	170.5	up 23%

<i>Diesel Fuel - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)</i>					
	<u>07-04-05</u>	<u>06-06-05</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>07-05-04</u>	<u>change</u>
Missouri	226.5	214.6	up 6%	163.3	up 39%

- Retail gasoline prices in Missouri stood at nearly \$2.09 per gallon on July 4, an increase of almost \$0.09 per gallon compared to last month and \$0.38 per gallon, or 23 percent more than at this time last year. The average U.S. retail price for regular gasoline increased by 11 cents from the prior week to nearly \$2.22 per gallon. Prices increased throughout the country with the exception of the Midwest where the average price fell by a half-cent to \$2.19 per gallon.



- The average retail price for diesel fuel in Missouri was \$2.27 per gallon on July 4, an increase of nearly \$0.12 from last month and over \$0.63 per gallon, or 39 percent, higher than this time last year. U.S. retail diesel fuel prices increased to 234.8 cents per gallon, surpassing the all-time high of 231.6 cents per gallon reached on April 11, 2005.



Motor Gasoline - Total Stocks (millions of barrels)					
	07-01-05	06-03-05	change	07-02-04	change
US	215.3	216.6	down 1%	206.1	up 4%

- Gasoline supplies were down 900,000 barrels to 215.3 million barrels, even as production rose to more than 9.2 million barrels per day, the highest weekly average ever. Imports, including blending components, were strong, averaging more than 1 million barrels per day. Implied gasoline demand rose to 9.7 million barrels the highest weekly average ever, up from 9.4 million barrels per day.
- Distillate stocks, which include heating oil and diesel fuel, jumped 4 million barrels to 117.2 million barrels. Production surged to 4.5 million barrels per day, the highest weekly average on record, up from 4.2 million barrels per day, while imports also soared to 322,000 from 201,000 barrels per day the previous week. Implied demand increased by 100,000 barrels to 4.1 million barrels per day from the prior week.

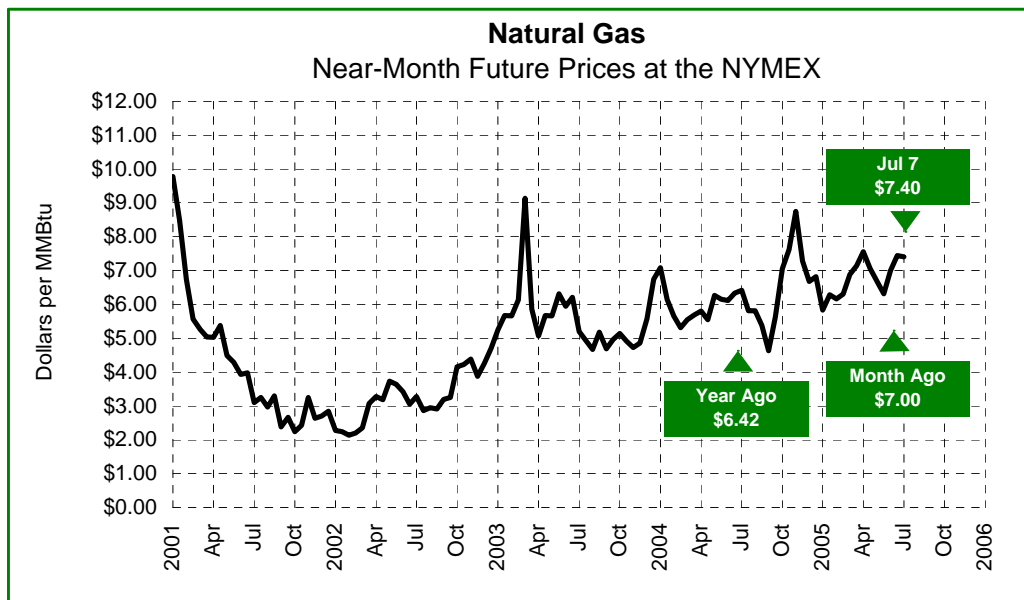
Natural Gas

Approximately 56 percent (1,261,397) of Missouri households use natural gas to heat their homes. Natural gas is also used to produce goods and electricity.

On July 7, natural gas futures closed at \$7.40 per MMBtu, an increase of \$0.40 since last month and \$0.90 or 15% higher than this time last year.

Natural Gas - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per mmbtu)					
	<u>07-07-05</u>	<u>06-08-05</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>07-06-04</u>	<u>change</u>
NYMEX	\$7.40	\$7.00	up 6%	\$6.42	up 15%

- According to the EIA *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report*, natural gas spot prices increased sharply through July 6 as two tropical storms disrupted production in the Gulf of Mexico while power generation demand to meet air-conditioning load remained strong.
- According to the EIA, U.S. working gas in underground storage was 2,186 Bcf as of July 1, which is 12.4 percent above the 5-year average inventory level for the report week.



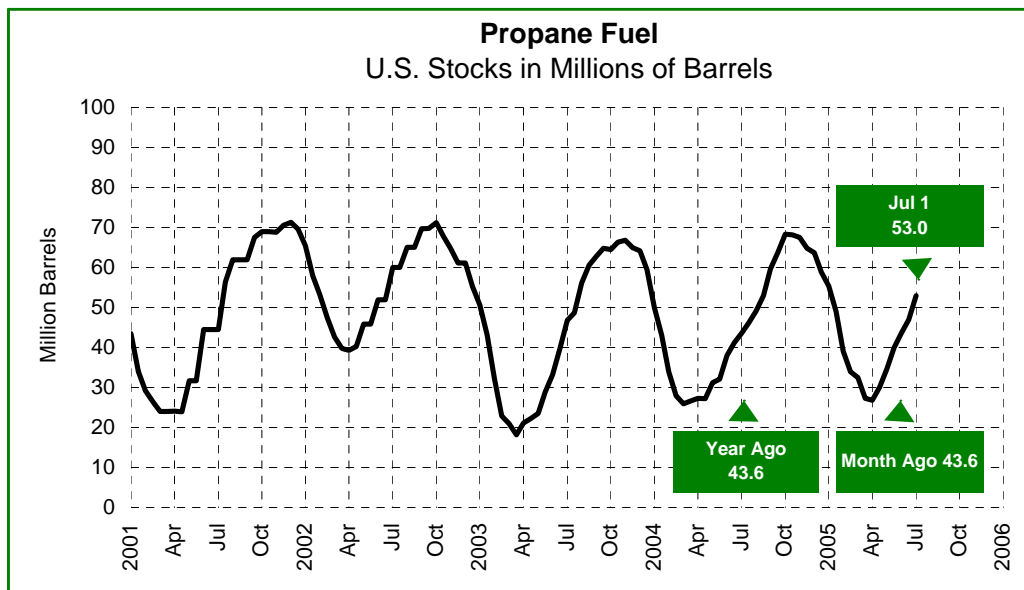
Propane

Approximately 13 percent (293,803) of Missouri households heat with propane, which is also used to support commercial operations, produce goods, dry grain harvests and fuel vehicles.

Missouri's average retail propane price was \$1.39 per gallon on July 4, down \$0.02 from a month ago, but \$0.24 or 21 percent higher than a year ago.

Propane - Residential Prices (cents per gallon)					
	<u>07-04-05</u>	<u>06-06-05</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>07-05-04</u>	<u>change</u>
Missouri	138.8	141.0	down 2%	114.6	up 21%

- U.S. propane supplies increased 3.5 million barrels to an estimated 53 million barrels as of July 1, 2005. Midwest supplies grew by 1.8 million barrels to 18.5 million barrels. Midwest supplies are just 0.099 million barrels lower than reported at this time last year. U.S. and Midwest supplies of propane remain in the average range.



Missouri Energy Outlook – Summer 2005

The Missouri Energy Outlook, an energy resource analysis reviewing prices and availability of energy in Missouri over the summer months was released on June 15 by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Energy Center. The Missouri Energy Outlook is available online at the department's Web site at <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/energy/energyoutlooksummer2005.pdf>, or copies may be obtained by calling the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Energy Center at (573) 751-3443 or the department toll free at (800) 361-4827.

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